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1. SUMMARY. OECD COUNCIL DECISION ON LANGUAGE ISSUE OF SUPPORT FUND REMAINS SUBSTANTIALLY AT DEAD CENTER, WITH GERMANS AND ITALIANS CONTINUING TO INSIST ON THEIR PREVIOUS POSITIONS. VAN LENNEP SUGGESTS BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS TO RESOLVE MATTER IN TIME FOR APRIL 9 SIGNING. END SUMMARY

2. ON MARCH 25 OECD COUNCIL RETURNED TO LANGUAGE ISSUES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND. GERMAN DELEGATE INDICATED HE HAD CONSULTED HIS GOVERNMENT ON DUTCH COMPROMISE (REFTEL A) BUT FRG FOUND IT UNACCEPTABLE. GERMANS AGAIN PROPOSED THAT BRACKETS BE REMOVED FOR GERMAN IN BOTH ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 12, AND ARTICLE XXIII, SECTION 5 OF DRAFT AGREEMENT. STATED THIS POSITION BY FRG WAS STRONGLY FELT AND TAKEN AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH BUNDESTAG.

3. ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVE EQUALLY ADAMANT IN REPEATING STANCE REPORTED REFTEL A TO EFFECT THAT

A) COULD ACCEPT DUTCH COMPROMISE PROPOSAL FOR DELETION OF ARTICLE XVI, SECTION 12, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WOULD MEAN OECD RULE OF USING ONLY ENGLISH AND FRENCH WOULD APPLY IN SUPPORT FUND.

B) IF DUTCH COMPROMISE NOT ACCEPTED AND GERMAN WERE ADDED AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE, ITALIAN SHOULD ALSO BE ADDED.

C) IF GERMAN ADDED AS AUTHENTIC TEXT, ITALIANS WOULD INSIST ON HAVING ONE AS WELL.
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4. NET RESULT OF COUNCIL DISCUSSION WAS THAT LANGUAGE ISSUE BASICALLY AT DEAD CENTER WITH GERMANS AND ITALIANS SHOWING NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS POSITIONS (REFTEL A). SPANISH DELEGATE EXPLAINED THAT HE COULD ACCEPT ADDITION OF GERMAN ONLY AS BOTH OFFICIAL LANGUAGE AND AUTHENTIC TEXT, BUT WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ASK FOR INCLUSION OF SPANISH IF LANGUAGES

OTHER THAN GERMAN WERE ADDED IN EITHER CASE. DUTCH DELEGATE CLARIFIED THAT NETHERLANDS NOT ASKING FOR INCLUSION ITS LANGUAGE UNDER ARTICLE XVI, BUT RESERVED RIGHT TO ASK FOR AUTHENTIC TEXT UNDER ARTICLE XXIII, IF LANGUAGES IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN WERE TO BE USED.

5. IN TERMINATING COUNCIL DISCUSSION, VAN LENNEP EXPRESSED HOPE BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS WOULD HELP TO RESOLVE ISSUE IN TIME FOR APRIL 9 SIGNING OF SUPPORT FUND AGREEMENT. HE ALSO OFFERED CONTINUING SERVICES OF SECRETARIAT FOR MEDIATION. (FRENCH PERMREP, VALERY, MADE PERSONAL OFFER IN SAME DIRECTION, WITHOUT EXPLAINING WHAT HIS IDEAS MIGHT BE.)
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